



The Eternal Dharma Light

# World Cultural Heritage Hieizan Enryaku-ji Temple

## Mother mountain of Japan's peace loving Buddhism

It has been some 1200 years since Dengyo Daishi Saicho established Ichijo-shikan-in in Todo.

Functioning as a place of training for Japan's treasured Bodhisattva monks over the ages, this mountain is known as the mother of Japanese Buddhism, having produced countless high ranking monks and the founders of sects throughout the country.

The spirit of investigation and tradition that has been fostered here amidst the breathtaking natural environment of Mt. Hiei saw the mountain recognized by UNESCO as a World Cultural Heritage Site. Enryaku-ji Temple is the collective name for 150 or so temple buildings scattered around the 500 hectare temple precinct on Mt. Hiei. The precinct is divided up into the three districts of Todo, Saito, and Yokawa, each having its own central hall.

■Address: 4220 Honmachi, Sakamoto, Otsu City ■Ph: 077-578-0001 ■Admission Hours: (Mar-Nov) Todo 8:30-16:30 Saito/Yokawa 9:00-16:00 (Dec) Todo 9:00-16:00 Saito/Yokawa 9:30-15:30 (Jan/Feb) Todo 9:00-16:30 Saito/Yokawa 9:30-16:00 ■Admission Fee (Todo/Saito/Yokawa common ticket) Adults ¥700 Junior High/High School ¥500 Elementary ¥300

## Todo

The first place Saicho built a hermitage. The area centers on Konpon Chudo, the main hall for the entire mountain. The Eternal Dharma Light in Konpon Chudo is a symbol of the temple that has remained lit since its foundation. Todo Mudo-ji-dani is the base for the 1000 Day Circumambulation.



## Saito

An area of the temple precinct established by Saicho's disciple Encho. The main hall is Shaka-do Hall (Tenporin-do Hall). Other training halls include Ninai-do and Jodo-in where Dengyo Daishi Saicho is buried.



## Yokawa

An area of the temple precinct established by Saicho's disciple Ennin. The main hall Yokawa Chudo features a stage-like construction modeled after the kind of envoy ship Ennin would have taken to Tang China when he travelled there to study Buddhism.



## Rigorous Training to Nurture Empathy



## 1000 Day Circumambulation

"Forgetting oneself and benefitting others." The purpose is to create a mind in which you empathize with others. To become a wonderful person who possesses such a state of mind, praying for peace at home and throughout the world. That is exactly what Saicho aimed for. The 1000 Day Circumambulation involves walking the same distance as the circumference of the earth while offering prayers to the surrounding nature. Trainee monks engage in these activities to cultivate a strong mind.



Eizan Ropeway

Hieisancho St.



Hokke Soji-in



Amida-do



Kaidan-in



Kokuho-den

Dai Ko-do

Konpon Chu-do

Monju-ro

Cable Enryakuji St.

Mudo-ji Temple



Myoo-do

Mt. motate St.

Todo

Sakamoto Cable

Horaioka St.

Cable Sakamoto St.

Anou St.

Sakamoto St.

Matsunobanba St.

Shigasato St.

JR Kosei Line

Karasaki St.

Hieizan-Sakamoto St.

Ogoto St.

Mt. Hiei Shuttle Bus



Ninai-do  
(Jogyo-do/Hokke-do)



Shaka-do



Jodo-in



Tsubaki-do

Saito



Ruri-do

Oku-hiei Driveway

Yokawa



Yokawa Chu-do



Konpon Nyoho-to



Eshin-do



Shiki Ko-do

Ogi Gate

Kosei Driveway

Lake Biwa